



# STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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> Monday, June 8, 2015 10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-2778)

Attachments: AUDIO

Present: President Becky A. Shevlin, Vice President Alice S. Petrossian,

Treasurer Ana Maria Garcia, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Maria Calix, Commissioner Nancy Cohen Ph.D., Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Karriann Farrell Hinds, Commissioner Barbara Kappos LCSW, Commissioner Charlotte

Lesser and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Excused: Commissioner Dora de la Rosa, and Commissioner Gerda Govine

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Call to Order. (15-2615)

President Becky A. Shevlin called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., and welcomed the Commissioners and guests to the meeting.

#### I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**1.** Approval of Minutes for the meeting of May 11, 2015 Minutes. (15-2616)

On motion of Commissioner Maria Calix, seconded by Treasurer Ana Maria Garcia, this item was approved with the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Vice President Alice S. Petrossian, Treasurer Ana Maria Garcia, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Maria Calix, Commissioner Nancy Cohen Ph.D., Commissioner Karriann Farrell Hinds, Commissioner Barbara Kappos LCSW and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

**Abstentions:** 3 - President Becky A. Shevlin, Commissioner Reiko Duba and Commissioner Charlotte Lesser

**Excused:** 2 - Commissioner Dora de la Rosa, and Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D.

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**2.** Approval of funds for the LACCW Domestic Violence Briefing, scheduled for June 19, 2015. (15-2617)

On motion of Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

 Approval of funds to send members of LACCW DV Committee to attend the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence Conference in September 2015. (15-2620)

Commissioner Rodriguez provided a brief overview of the upcoming California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (CPEDV) Conference scheduled for September 2015. She reported that based on her research, this year's conference is for CPEDV members only and the intent is to allow the policy making body time to focus on reviewing the policies that govern CPEDV.

Commissioner Rodriguez requested that this item be continued to the July 13, 2015 meeting for discussion and action regarding the payment of the CPEDV membership dues for the 2015-16 Fiscal Year.

**4.** Approval of \$1,500 as budgeted to send Vice President Alice Petrossian to represent the Commission at the NACW 45th Annual Conference & Empowerment Summit in Indianapolis from July 19-23, 2015. (15-2621)

On motion of Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Maria Calix, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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 Approval of \$500 as budgeted to send President Shevlin and Treasurer Ana Maria Garcia to represent the Commission at the ACCW Conference in San Diego, CA on June 26, 2015. (15-2622)

On motion of Vice President Alice S. Petrossian, seconded by Commissioner Reiko Duba, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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6. Approval of funds to sponsor the 2015 Los Angeles County Public Works Women's Conference, scheduled for December 10, 2015; and discussion regarding CW's interest to participate as presenters at the conference. (15-2623)

Staff reported that they reached out to the representative of the Los Angeles County Public Works Women's Conference to express the Commission's interest in presenting at the Conference; staff was asked to provide the topic of the presentation and the name of the presenter.

The Commissioners were in agreement that CW should at minimum be acknowledged during the introduction phase of the agenda.

After further discussion, on motion of Vice President Alice S. Petrossian, seconded by Commissioner Maria Calix, unanimously carried, the Commission approved funds in the amount of \$1,500 to become a Bronze sponsor of the Conference.

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**7.** Approval of the number of scholarships to be awarded in 2015. (15-2626)

During a brief discussion of the 2015 Girls-At-Risk Scholarship program, President Shevlin stated that the CW had allocated \$10,000 for scholarships in their 2014-15 budget.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Nancy Cohen, Ph.D., unanimously carried, the Commission approved awarding scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each, for up to ten deserving young women.

#### II. REPORTS

**8.** Domestic Violence Report for June 8, 2015. (15-2523)

Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the Domestic Violence Committee (DV) will be hosting a "Breakfast Briefing" meeting with the Supervisorial District's Deputies, the DV shelter and service provider agencies on June 19, 2015. She also reported that a Third District Deputy inquired whether the CW commissioners would be attending the Breakfast Briefing. She informed the Deputy that some Commissioners would attend the meeting.

Commissioner Rodriguez concluded by urging the CW Commissioners to have at least one Commissioner from each Supervisorial District at the Briefing.

CW President Shevlin, Vice President Petrossian and Treasurer Garcia confirmed that they plan to attend the meeting.

**9.** President's Report for June 8, 2015. (15-2629)

President Shevlin reported that she was re-elected in April 2015 to the Monrovia City Council for a four year term, she is serving as liaison to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Library Commission and Monrovia Chamber of Commerce and also serves on the Community Economic and Human Development Committee.

She concluded by reporting that she also attended Congresswoman Judy Chu's "Women of the Year" event on April 18, 2015, Congresswoman Grace Napolitano's "Prayer Breakfast" on April 13, 2015 and the SCAG 50th Anniversary Conference. She participated in the CW Executive

Committee's April 21 and May 18, 2015 teleconference meetings.

**10.** Education Committee Report for June 8, 2015. (15-2630)

Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the Education Committee has reviewed all nominations received and also extended the scholarship application submittal deadline to Thursday, June 11, 2015. The Board of Supervisors and CW scholarship presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2015.

President Shevlin directed staff to send out a reminder notice to the Commission regarding the July 21, 2015 Scholarship presentation program.

**11.** Health Committee Report for June 8, 2015. (15-2632)

Commissioner Lesser reported that due to an unforeseen situation the Education Committee did not conduct any meetings during the month of May 2015; the next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2015. In the interim the Committee will be conducting research into the number of people who signed up for health insurance during the Covered California enrollment period.

**12.** Executive Committee Report. (15-2631)

President Shevlin reported that the Executive Committee held teleconference meetings on April 21, 2015 and May 18, 2015. She indicated that as the Commission moves forward she would like to see the past and current President, Vice President and Treasurer serve on the Executive Committee as this provides the opportunity for continuity of positive leadership through information sharing and mentoring.

**13.** Women of the Year Luncheon Committee Report for June 8, 2015. (15-2633)

Vice President Petrossian reported that she will work with staff on scheduling visits to other potential venues in regards to hosting the 2016 WOY Luncheon. She will also visit the Patina to express the Commission's concerns from the 2015 WOY Luncheon and also negotiate venue cost.

**14.** Status report on the preparations for the Commission for Women's Summit scheduled for June 8, 2015. (15-2634)

Treasurer Garcia reported that the Summit Committee had a teleconference meeting on May 28, 2015. The agenda was submitted to staff and was distributed to all summit attendees. She also thanked the Committee members for participating and being an important part of the process in making the Summit possible.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission.

**15.** Staff Report for June 8, 2015. (15-2635)

Staff reported that candidate Shannon Heinz was interviewed and has accepted the CW intern position. She will attend the July 13, 2015 CW meeting and will assist the Commission from July 2015 through August 2015. Staff also reported that another student has expressed interest in the position and has submitted her resume. Staff has reached out to the candidate in order to schedule an interview and is awaiting her response.

Vice President Petrossian inquired if the internship bulletin could remain posted throughout the year and if the bulletin is open to qualified candidates or restricted to college students only.

President Shevlin directed staff to find out if it's permissible to utilize qualified applicants who are not currently enrolled in school for the internship and provide an update at the July 13, 2015 CW meeting.

Additionally, staff reported that Lisa Garrett, Los Angeles County Human Resources Director, will attend the CW August Retreat meeting, business cards were ordered for the new Commissioners, the CW Website has been updated and the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors is revisiting the Commission's inquiry regarding having a Facebook account. Commissioners can tweet during the Summit meeting from their own Twitter account.

The Sybil Brand Commission (SBC) is requesting that the CW submit at least three dates for a possible joint inspection of the Century Regional Detention Facility's (CRDF) Women lockup.

President Shevlin directed staff to contact SBC and request a calendar of dates that works best with their bi-weekly schedule; the CW will select a

date from that calendar. Commissioners Aoki-Hyatt, Calix, Duba, Lesser and Vice President Petrossian expressed their interest in joining the SBC inspection.

Staff concluded by reporting that the Department of Public Works (DPW) 2015 Women's Leadership Conference is scheduled for December 10, 2015 at the Pasadena Convention Center, Pasadena, CA. DPW would like to know if the CW is interested in speaking at the conference and what topic would be discussed. Staff also requested Commissioners Calix and Cohen, Ph.D. submit their bios for inclusion on the Commission's website.

## **III. PRESENTATION**

**16.** Presentation on the 2015 Report on the Status of Women and Girls in California, prepared by Mount Saint Mary's University. (11:30- 12:00 p.m.)

Ms. Eleanor Siebert (15-2627)

Eleanor Siebert, Ph.D., Mount Saint Mary's University, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2015 Report on the Status of Women and Girls in California by highlighting some of the key points in the report. She stated that the report is a compilation of current data on gender gaps throughout California as well as national and global statistics.

She also stated that Mount Saint Mary's produced the first Report on the Status of Women and Girls in California in 2012. The genesis of the report came from the need to know about women's leadership, health and economic well-being and promoting solutions to reducing the inequity gaps. The 2015 report focused on 12 critical areas of concern, that included education, employment and earnings to physical and mental health, violence, veterans and global perspectives.

Please see Supporting Document for details.

Dr. Siebert concluded by stating that there is a great need to have women in public offices because public officials set political agendas, drive political debates and make laws. Women are elected in the proportion that they run for public office, so there is a need to encourage more women to go into the political arena to fight for change in our communities. In California, women do not earn equal pay for equal work and they are still the face of poverty.

President Shevlin thanked Dr. Siebert for her informative and insightful presentation and invited her to join the CW Summit meeting immediately following the conclusion of the June 8, 2015 meeting.

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#### IV. DISCUSSIONS

**17.** Discussion and formation of a committee to review and recommend revisions to the LACCW grant application criteria. (15-2624)

After a brief discussion regarding the need to revise the LACCW Grant Application Criteria, President Shevlin asked for volunteers to serve on the LACCW Grant Application Review Committee.

Commissioners Calix, Cohen, Ph.D., Rodriguez and Treasurer Garcia volunteered to serve on the Review Committee.

Staff was directed to coordinate teleconference meetings with the Committee members.

**18.** Discussion regarding the Commissions' request for social media. (15-2625)

President Shevlin inquired on the status of the CW's request to have a Facebook/Social Media page on the Commission's website.

Staff reported that the Executive Office did not previously approve any Los Angeles County Commission's request to add a Facebook account to their websites because the Executive Office did not have the manpower to support the account; staffing and resources were low at the time. However, the Executive Office plans to revisit this subject matter in the near future.

Vice President Petrossian recommended that the Commission invite Margaret Donnellan Todd, Los Angeles County Librarian, to attend a meeting and address the CW on the use of technology for information and how technology has become a priority.

She also recommended inviting Mitchell Katz, MD, Director of Los Angeles County Health Services, to present on what Health Services is doing to provide efficient and innovative services by utilizing technology to serve the people of Los Angeles County.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission.

Staff was directed to provide an update on the Commission's request to have a Facebook and Twitter account at the July 2015 meeting.

19. Discussion and consideration for approval of the donation request from the Los Angeles Trauma Informed Task Force in the amount of \$750 to provide featured speaker with an honorarium, refreshments, to cover the cost of promotional materials for advertisement and any other cost related to location fees, technology, rentals and supplies. (15-2628)

A brief discussion was held on whether the Commission should approve a donation request in the amount of \$750 from the Los Angeles Trauma Informed Task Force (LATITF).

Commissioners expressed concern regarding the information provided. In particular, the application did not specifically state the purpose or duties of the LATITF and it was not clear whether those services were in line with the CW's stated mission and guidelines. Also, how the work of the Task Force impacts the County and what percentage of women's interest the Task Force will address.

Commissioner Rodriguez stated that she will be attending the July 14, 2015 LATITF event and will provide additional information on the Task Force at the CW August 2015 Retreat meeting.

Additionally, the Commission is unable to approve any donation requests until they have had the opportunity to review their grant application criteria and processes for evaluating applications at the CW August Retreat meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Maria Calix, approval of the donation request Failed for lack of majority vote.

**Ayes:** 2 - Commissioner Maria Calix and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Noes: 9 - President Becky A. Shevlin, Vice President Alice S. Petrossian, Treasurer Ana Maria Garcia, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Nancy Cohen Ph.D., Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Karriann Farrell Hinds, Commissioner Barbara Kappos LCSW and Commissioner Charlotte

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**20.** Discussion and recommendations of agenda items for the August 10, 2015 Retreat. (15-2669)

President Shevlin directed Commissioners to submit recommendations of agenda items for the August 2015 Retreat to staff for consideration at the July 13, 2014 CW meeting.

## V. MISCELLANEOUS

21. Commissioners' Announcements for June 8, 2015. (15-2636)

Commissioner Kappos announced that her organization is developing a task force in collaboration with LACUSC regarding health and domestic violence. L.A. City will host a HIV and Violence against Women conference in July 2015.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported that she attended the Innovation in Customer Service Leadership Conference.

Commissioner Lesser announced that she attended a newly opened library in her community. Last year she chaired the Go Red for Women Luncheon and they recently held their 2nd Annual Luncheon.

Commissioner Duba announced that she is providing swimming lessons to older women. She will be participating in the Senior Olympics this summer.

Commission Calix announced that she attended several conferences and will be attending New Commissioner Orientation on June 10, 2015.

#### **Matters Not Posted**

22. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (15-2637)

Commissioner Hinds encouraged Commissioners to express their support to request that the Governor of California allocate funding to the California State Commission on the Status of Women and Girls.

# **Public Comment**

- 23. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-2638)
  - Dr. Genevieve Clavreul also addressed the Commission.

#### Adjournment

**24.** Adjournment for the meeting of June 8, 2015. (15-2639)

There being no further business, President Shevlin adjourned the meeting of June 8, 2015 at 12:18 p.m.